

TODAY

Cheaper Wheat. Cheaper Bread?
Dead Whale—12,000 Diamonds
When Is a Pacifist?
Thirty or Forty Billions.

"Have you somewhat to do to-morrow; do it today—Benjamin Franklin." Easy to say. It was his ability to take the advice that made him Benjamin Franklin.

It is a pitifully dull day, really and truly. If nothing happens a little later, we shall not blame you if you read only the comic page today.

Wheat price \$2.20. That price makes possible a fair profit to the farmer and a big loaf of bread for 5 cents.

Will the people get that 5-cent loaf or will it also be necessary for the President to regulate weight and price of bread—as has been done in France for many years, long before the war?

Diamond Jim Brady, dead and gone, leaves behind, now to be sold, twelve thousand diamonds, rubies, sapphires, etc. He was very rich—sold supplies to heads of railroads, and did not forget the officials that bought through him. Kind Man, he would not have made a cent under Government ownership.

Now he is gone, and only the diamonds remain of huge "Diamond Jim." These diamonds are like the ambergris found in some dead whale washed ashore. Little thought of the whale, its hopes, fears, wanderings, and struggles, as merchants bid for the ambergris yielded by the corpse.

Mobs attacking pacifists everywhere—and pacifists "showing fight." When is a pacifist not a pacifist? When you hit HIM.

It is not that the mob knows much about this war in particular or cares much—but the mob likes fighting on general principles—it leads a dull life. Five hundred men will gather to watch park sparrows kill a lame field mouse. Say to the crowd: "I will now read a few pages from Shakespeare," and your crowd will vanish.

Daniel Willard, of the B. & O. and national defense program, says the country will need every dollar, and possibly the Government can draw from the people "thirty billions more or forty billions more." We are all talking in billions. You may hear the lipping child ask, "Gramp, how many billions make a hundred?"

"Kaiser wanted to declare war in 1909." Of course, the little boy with an airgun ALWAYS wants to shoot it. Too bad the Kaiser didn't start in 1909—it would all be over now, and he would be safely put away somewhere. Too bad also that in 1870 France was led by a fool of an Emperor controlled by a fool of a woman. If France had ruled herself there would have been no Prussian conquest and no Hohenzollern Emperor.

On the other hand, if Charles the Hammer had not won his fight at Poitiers in 732 England then, and our New England later, would have been Mohammedan lands and Senator Penrose would have to kneel, praying on a little carpet with his face toward Mecca, several times each day—hard on the knees. So probably everything is for the best.

Doctor Cook's "farthest North camp" has been located—not so very far from the Equator, but a long way from the North Pole. BUT do we really owe less to this amusing Doctor Cook, who made the world first look foolish and then laugh, or to solemn, NOT amusing Peary, who really went to the Pole and insisted on telling about it? A good hoax is perhaps as good as a real discovery—especially as we did not need the North Pole and do need amusement.

"American takes thirty German prisoners," will get French war cross. The American is Richard Allen Blount and he was wounded when he brought in the thirty Germans—must have been TERRIBLE condition, yomk! May be the hero galloped ahead, holding out a sausage in his lame hand.

Americans ought to have some sense of the ridiculous in arranging heroes. Let the British have a monopoly of their "Todger Jones," of whom it is solemnly said that he captured one hundred German soldiers single-handed. No reason why we should be "inspired" with yarns of this kind. The English like them, let them have them.

If they find an anaemic Tommy, with one leg shot off and four bullets through his lungs, bringing in ten thousand weeping, cringing, white-faced Germans, will print that Tommy's picture and take him seriously. But let us not make the American soldier ridiculous.

WEATHER:
COOL
TONIGHT;
CONTINUED
CLOUDY.

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PACIFISTS TO MEET ON STEPS OF CAPITOL

U. S. Denounced Commercial War Without Consulting Allies

"WILSON PEACE REPLY OURS"—Lord Cecil

PRESIDENT, IN DENOUNCING TRADE WAR, ACTED ALONE

Statement Regarding After-War Economic Rivalry Brings Conclusion That Boycott of Germany Is Not Allies' Aim.

By DAVID LAWRENCE.
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The United States Government did not consult the allies about that portion of America's reply to Pope Benedict which denounced economic leagues. This was officially revealed at the State Department today together with the explanation that, of course, the views of the United States came as no surprise to the entente powers who have known of America's antipathy toward trade agreements and post-bellum plans for an economic boycott of the central powers.

Hints at Economic Alliance.
The Department of State, however, gives the impression that economic alliances in which the United States shall be a party are not wholly inconceivable, the theory being advanced that if the war does end in a draw—which high officials say must never happen—the United States would be compelled for self-preservation to join a hostile combination of forces economic as well as military. But, it is added, the President's reply is intended to show Germany that by liberalizing her government and creating an instrumentality which can give guarantees and be trusted by the other nations, America would enter into a world organization with Germany as a partner and would see to it that all nations stood on a basis of real equality.

In other words, the Paris economic conference and the intimations given by the State Department of what might happen under certain circumstances are meant to convince Germany that her own best interests lie in the making of peace along the lines suggested by President Wilson—the institution by a democratic and free government with which the whole world can deal without fear or distrust.

Effect of Threats on German Liberals.
The real question is how far these threats will assist or retard the efforts of the German liberals. If the United States, with its tremendous resources, gives the impression that it will not join in a boycott against Germany under no circumstances, it will not take seriously the purposes of the entente as expressed in the famous Paris economic conference. But if the United States points out that the too will ally herself against Germany at all times, it is argued by some that the liberals will be strengthened in their effort to democratize Germany.

The most plausible view, however, takes into consideration the fact that the German people know full well the altruistic character and lofty purposes of the United States in history and they do not deem the German people as being so easily won over by the American nation's war aims as to participate in trade rivalries and secret agreements of such an intense kind as inevitably follow from wars of bloodshed.

Threats of an economic boycott will hardly affect Germany as much as an affirmative statement that the United States does not plan to crush the German people, does not demand the German people's dismemberment of their empire and does not intend to carry its grudge against the present German government as a permanent grievance against the German people.

Will Avail More Than Threats.
This and kindred expressions of a lack of enmity for the German nation will avail more than threats of boycotts, in which the United States never has participated and very likely never will. Viscount Bryce has denounced such arrangements as the very thing that brings on wars, and President Wilson, in his famous speech at Cincinnati on October 27 last, spoke with deep feeling about the European plan to begin after the present war "another

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RUSSIA'S GREAT ALLY IS AWAKENING

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The Russian cold that ruined Napoleon will discourage Hohenzollern. In winter there is always a King in Russia, and a fighter—KING COLD.

Lardner Visits Grand Revue Broun Sees Pep in T. Atkins

GRANDE REVUE'S
TABLEAUX BORE;
USHER IS PEEVED

Ring Lardner, famous for his "You Know Me, Al" stories, is writing characteristic stories from France for The Times. Unless the rabbits are cut or break down, you'll find them in these columns every day.

By RING W. LARDNER.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—Music and drama at Ambassadeurs. When you enter the lobby a man with moustaches flashes on you a map of the auditorium. You select the three seats you want and he gives you three other ones. Your tickets are of a nice, handy shape and size, like a newspaper. A lady usher leads you to your seats and expects to be tipped for it. Fortunately I knew nothing of her expectation and saved a franc.

Saving a franc is going some in Paris. The show was la Grande Revue des Ambassadeurs, in two acts and twenty-nine tableaux. The French have a generous way of numbering the tableaux or scenes. Whenever a new character appears on the stage they call it another scene.

Fishing Trip Might Interest.

The program, which costs money, said the music was arranged by M. Cayrol, but to me it sounded just the same as when Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, and Egbert van Alstyne first turned it out. The dances were both English and French, and were planned, it is said, by Sullivan. The dancers, both male and female, danced as if they had stayed in Sullivan's a bit too long. The premier of the tableaux brought on an act of girls with fishbones and in fishing costumes consisting of red tights. A French fishing trip might be interesting even if you didn't have a nibble. The second tableau introduced a lady playing the part of a male newspaper reporter. She was dressed in immaculate white flannels and carried a notebook and pencil, a most

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A Mystery Continent
atop the world, says Donald
McMillan. Read about it on
Page Three.

"CHAMBER" JOINS
EFFORT TO ASSURE
SOLDIERS SMOKES

Twelve hundred more live-wire Washington business men joined the ranks of active workers for The Washington Times Tobacco Fund today, in response to a call to duty from A. Lettwich Sinclair, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

In a circular-letter to the entire membership of the Chamber of Commerce, President Sinclair said: "Let's send in our contributions to The Times Tobacco Fund, and give this splendid movement our enthusiastic support."

His suggestion spread like wildfire among the members, and all of them gave him ironclad assurances of their most hearty and active co-operation in the campaign to raise money with which to buy smokes for American soldiers "over there."

Organizations Now Rivals.

The members of the Chamber of Commerce are thus put into competition with those of the Retail Merchants' Association, and spirited rivalry in the matter of raising the greatest amount of money is already manifest. The Board of Trade is expected to line up with the other two commercial and civic bodies today or tomorrow, and Washington will be treated to a three-cornered contest of

BRITISH ARMY HAS
CLASS AND NERVE
AND BACKS BOASTS

By HEYWOOD BROWN.
THE BRITISH FRONT, Aug. 30.—A sporting writer would say that the British army had class, and with that word he would save himself ever so much technical explanation and he could touch the intangible something which shouts aloud as one goes up and down the lines in France and Flanders.

It is a new army, of course. "Round it there clings none of the midweek which one associates with those concerns which have been 'twenty years in the same place.'"

And yet this army is not green or undeveloped. It has everything but reticence and modesty. The trophies which carry those commodities have been obliged to stand aside to give the right of way to supplies much more essential for the winning of the war. But the British army backs its boasts with battalions, and behind its light words come heavy guns.

This army is so live a thing that it makes the spectator forget that the business of war is death. I stood in a town which the Germans had dynamited with the greatest care. They left the town for dead. Against a shattered wall there stood a ship and a man. The ship was a cathedral at Arras.

This indeed seemed a very citadel of destruction and loneliness. From the cathedral we went to the town hall. Here again one could not but be impressed with the utility of destruction. Bernard Shaw has said that the Germans made a failure of their frightfulness in Arras and that he could have worked more damage with a hammer. Shaw swings a heavy sledge, of course, and has had all sorts of practice in knocking heads and things, but the job would be above him. Even with his type-writer he could not tear the town so cruelly as the Germans have done with their dynamite.

W. R. HEARST DECLINES TO RUN IN N. Y. PRIMARIES

Publisher Will Not Be Candidate for Nomination for Mayor, Apparently Leaving Field Clear to Judge Hylan.

William Randolph Hearst has declined to run in the primaries for nomination as mayor of New York. A long-distance telephone message from New York today announced that the famous publisher would refuse to become a candidate, but assigned no reason.

This is the last day on which Mr. Hearst could have filed notice of his acceptance of the candidacy, which has been urged upon him for the last two weeks by his friends. The announcement today apparently leaves the Democratic field clear for Judge John F. Hylan.

THIRD EFFORT TO KILL LARUE GIRL MADE IN HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Mrs. Grace Humiston and the Policlinic Hospital authorities declared yesterday third attempt had been made on the life of Miss Consuelo LaRue. She is a patient in the hospital. The latest attempt was made last Friday night, according to their statements.

Miss LaRue is the girl who furnished Mrs. Humiston information leading to the recovery of the body of Ruth Cruger. Miss LaRue is in a private room on the third floor of the hospital. It is that fact probably to which she owes her life. The men who were after her made a search of the seventh and eighth floors before their discovery. There were two, one armed.

According to the story, the men first appeared on the eighth floor. It is supposed they gained entrance from the fire-escape, as they were not seen to pass the desk in the hospital office. They succeeded in making a thorough search of that floor and made inquiries for Miss LaRue. They next went to the seventh floor, where, after a partial search was made, they were intercepted by a nurse.

One of the men is reported to have drawn his revolver, and pointing it at the nurse, warned her to make no outcry under penalty of death. The two men then backed to the fire-escape window, with the gun leveled at the nurse, and disappeared in the darkness.

They are known to have made their escape over the roofs of five-story dwelling houses adjoining the hospital to the east, on Fifty-first street. The day following Mrs. Humiston was informed and given a good description of the men. One she recognized, and went before Magistrate Groshin and swore out a warrant for his arrest.

BOY STEALS AND EATS,
THEN GOES TO JAIL.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Although Tony Lewis, ten years old, knows nothing of food conservation, he stored away one fine meal of roast chicken and corn against the rather lean days he confronts. Tony dashed into Mrs. Agnes Palowick's candy store, Brooklyn, stole \$31 from the till and escaped. He bought six roast chickens, several dozen ears of corn and a kettle. With five close friends he cooked the corn in a vacant lot where he was arrested. Tony pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary before Justice Ryan in the Children's Court and was held for sentence.

Allies Indorse President's Attitude

LONDON, Aug. 31.—President Wilson's reply to Pope Benedict stands as the joint answer of all the allies, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, indicated today.

ITALY'S SHIPS TRAP FOE'S FLEET

ROME, Aug. 31.—The great Austrian fleet has been trapped at Pola and is at the mercy of the Italian and British monitors. Pola is an Austrian naval station twenty miles from the locality in the Gulf of Trieste where English and Italian warships are showering shells upon the Herma.

Italians Push Land Attacks.
A great battle between the Austrian fleet, bottled up in the Pola harbor, and the combined Italian and English flotillas is expected hourly. Naval authorities declare that the Austrian fleet can easily be brought under fire of the great monitors. Despite re-enforcements rushed to the aid of the Austrians, the Italians continued their fierce attacks on three fronts today.

60,373 CASUALTIES
FOR BRITISH IN AUGUST;
OFFICER LOSS IS HEAVY

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The fearful fighting of the Flanders offensive in the last month cost England 60,373 casualties in killed, wounded, and missing, according to compilations today. The figure is below that of last month, which was 71,599, but the losses of officers was much greater. The total in July of officers killed, wounded, and missing was 2,426. In August it had jumped to 5,480. The detailed figures for August were:

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Total
Officers	1,307	5,304	207	6,818
Men	11,564	49,313	1,504	62,381
Total	12,871	54,617	1,711	69,199

AMMUNITION SUPPLY
ONLY DOUBTFUL FACTOR
AS TO TRIESTE'S FALL

According to reports to the Italian embassy here, possible lack of ammunition would be the only barrier to the Italian forces' early occupation of Trieste, Austria's Adriatic metropolis.

A significant feature is that Germany has sent some of her troops to aid Austria in the defense. Herein, the fight has been regarded as Austria's own.

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U. S. Judge Holds Child Labor Law Unconstitutional

GREENSBORO, N. C., Aug. 31.—The Federal child labor law is unconstitutional, Federal Judge James E. Boyd decided here today.

He granted a permanent injunction against enforcement of the law. The decision was based on the ground that Congress had exceeded its powers under the interstate commerce clause of the Constitution, and that under the Fifth Amendment a parent has a right to the services of his child and the child a right to work for their support.

BANNED IN 3 STATES PACIFISTS TURN HERE

Officers of People's Council on Way to Arrange Gathering on Federal Soil—Eastern Delegates Turn Back.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 31.—The People's Council, disowned by the Middle West, will deposit itself on the front steps of the National Capitol. Lewis P. Lochner, executive secretary of the council, made this known today when he announced that an effort will be made to hold the proposed peace conference in Washington on Sunday.

Denied a home in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, the council has determined to assemble on Federal soil. Officials of the organization will start for Washington tonight to make arrangements. The special train bearing Eastern delegates, which left New York yesterday afternoon, will be turned back at Elkhart, Ind.

PULLMAN DECLARES
ONLY PATRIOTIC
RALLY CAN BE HELD

Major Raymond W. Pullman, superintendent of police, today made plans to meet a large number of pacifists who are hurrying to Washington from Hudson, Wis., to hold a peace propaganda rally next Sunday night. Word of the pacifist plan came over the wires today from Hudson, where 'Louis P. Lochner, of Henry Ford peace ship fame; Miss Florence Margolis, and other pacifist leaders were nearly mobbed by an irate crowd of citizens last night.

The pacifists plan to hold a big rally at the Capitol, because they believe they can influence the Government in favor of an early peace. District officials say that the meeting held here must be held indoors. They say that the meeting must not be held to spread propaganda against the course the Government is pursuing. Commissioner Brownlow, confined to his home with a slight illness, said over the telephone this afternoon that the issue would be settled when it arose. Major Pullman, however, declared that no demonstrations other than of a patriotic nature would be tolerated on the street, and that an indoor meeting must not be inflammatory in tendency.

HAREM VEILS AND WIDE HATS ORDERED

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—More conservation measures were announced by the Fashion Art League today. The most radical was conservation of complexion. This will be accomplished through the medium of the Harem veil, which will cover all the face except the eyes. It is expected to be a great defense against chaps. Hats are to be big again this winter. In fact, it was said the old Merry Widow shape would be popular. Shoes will continue high—in style and price.

CONSCIENCE FUND GETS \$500 THROUGH PRIEST

A contribution of \$500 to the conscience fund of the Treasury was given personally to Secretary McAdoo by a Catholic priest today.

The priest explained that one of his flock had asked that he deliver the money personally to the Treasury Department. The identity of the conscience-stricken one and the city in which he or she lives is not known.